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Dear Commissioner Henney,

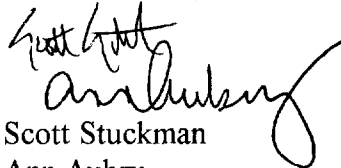
We are writing in regards to irradiated food.

We realize that irradiation in an extremely effective way to eliminate *E. coli* and other potentially harmful bacteria in ground beef, chicken, and other foods.

But there are a few reasons to be concerned about the process. It involves moving radioactive material around the country, which obviously carries a risk. Also, irradiation does not prevent sloppy handling at the plant, at home, or in restaurants, which could recontaminate food after the irradiation process.

We believe that whether a person is an opponent or proponent of irradiation, the consumer should be able to identify irradiated foods at the supermarket and in restaurants. That is why we are asking you to ensure that irradiated foods carry a prominent disclosure, in easy-to-read type, on the front of the package.

Thank you for your time,

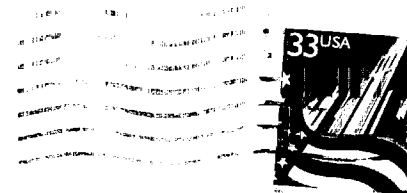


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